**Post-War Divisions Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Origins of the Cold War - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-10/yr-10-divided-world-reading/)

1. During WWII, why did the Western powers consider Stalin and Hitler to be similar?
2. Who were the ‘Big Three’ personalities at the Yalta Conference in February 1945?
3. What did these leaders turn their attention toward during the Yalta Conference?
4. How did Winston Churchill view the wartime alliance with Stalin?
5. What did Stalin gain as a result of the negotiations at Yalta?
6. How did Stalin ensure that true democratic elections did not occur in Poland?
7. When did the Potsdam Conference occur?
8. Who were the leaders that attended this conference?
9. What did the Potsdam conference decide about how to divide Germany?
10. What war reparations did the countries take from Germany?
11. What did each side want for Europe during the Yalta and Potsdam conferences? (Fill in the table below:

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| **Stalin’s desires for Europe** | **American and Britain’s desires for Europe** |
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**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What differences did Stalin and the Western leaders have about the future of Europe after WWII?*